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 C of E Primary School, Alcester

Weekly What's On

w/c 15th December 2025

Whole school Reminders	
Christmas Jumper Days!	Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch Day, Christmas jumpers can be worn Thursday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day! Friday 19th December – Christmas Party Day, non school uniform. When making clothing and footwear choices, please take into consideration that children will be enjoying <u>OPAL</u> play outdoors during break and lunch times!
Christmas Dinner Day - 17/12/2025	Don't forget. If you didn't order a Christmas dinner for your child via ParentPay, please send your child in with a pack lunch. Our caterers have been given the list of names/ numbers and will cater accordingly. They are unable to take any extra order on the day.
Food - Arrangements for party day on Friday 19 th December 2025	Reception - each child brings their own festive christmassy packed lunch. * KS1 - each child brings their own festive christmassy packed lunch. * Year 3/4 - each child brings their own festive christmassy packed lunch. * Year 5 - children to bring a sandwich for themselves, a snack and a drink. All children will pick a party item to share from the list. * Year 6 - all children will pick a party item, off list, to bring in and share. Will need a drink and snack as usual. *if your child has Free School Meal entitlement (NOT Free School Meals – KS1) and would like a cheese baguette deli box, please message on StudyBugs before Tuesday 16th December 2025. Don't forget we are a Nut Free School – please do not send any products containing nuts.



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Caregiver
Helpline –
Letter and
guidance
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separately on
StudyBugs



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C of E Multi Academy Trust

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CFO: Mrs Sophie Carthy
COO: Dr Amanda Dale

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Arden Forest C of E Multi Academy Trust Parent Experience Survey earlier this year. We were delighted that 609 parents and carers across our 10 schools contributed their views, helping us to better understand what is working well and where we can further strengthen our partnership with you.

Your responses highlighted positive relationships built on mutual trust and respect and strong confidence in our staff's ability to support and safeguard pupils. However, you also told us that there are areas where we can do more—particularly in improving how the MAT supports families and how we respond to concerns or questions relating to wellbeing.

One theme that emerged strongly across the survey was the need for timely, accessible and high-quality support for parents and carers, especially when children are experiencing emotional or wellbeing challenges. In response to this feedback, and as part of our ongoing commitment to support every child and every family, we are pleased to announce the launch of a new Parent and Caregiver Helpline through Howdens Insurance and Health Assured.

From today, all parents and carers across the MAT will have free, confidential access to a dedicated 24/7 helpline, designed to offer guidance, reassurance and expert advice whenever you need it. This service is available 365 days a year, including evenings, weekends and school holidays.

Trained counsellors are on hand to provide you with immediate advice on a wide range of concerns affecting children or young people, including:

- Anxiety and worries about school or friendships
- Social phobias or low confidence
- Depression or persistent sadness
- Eating disorders
- Risk-taking behaviours, including substance use
- Suicidal thoughts or self-harm
- ADHD or behavioural concerns

They support you as the caregiver, recognising the emotional challenges that can come with supporting a child. Counsellors can also advise on:

- How to speak to your child about difficult topics
- How to identify triggers or stressors affecting your child
- Sourcing counselling or medical support
- When to involve your GP
- Signposting to support available in school and beyond

Parents also have access to the free Wisdom, health and mental wellbeing app. The app is designed to help you track your wellness and support your mental health and resilience. All of the information you need is included in the attached flyer.

We wish all of our parents and carers across the MAT a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr Adam Walsh
CEO



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Admission
Arrangements
2027-28

CONSULTATION ON ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2027

As required by the Admissions Code, we are seeking your views on the proposed admissions policy for 2027-28 as part of the requirement to consult every seven years. A period of consultation will run from 12th December 2025 until 23rd January 2026.

A copy of the proposed admissions policy is available on the school's website: <https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/> for your information.

Alternatively, if you require a hard copy please contact the school office.

Comments should be received no later than 4pm on 23rd January 2026.



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Poppy Appeal	We have had the following message from the Poppy Appeal Organiser in our area. <i>We have finally counted and banked this year's Poppy Appeal donations.</i> <i>Your collecting tins totalled £117.94</i> <i>The District total is currently just over £13,000.</i> <i>Thank you to all the students and staff that supported the appeal. Your help is very much appreciated.</i> <i>Regards</i> <i>David Malin</i> <i>Poppy Appeal Organiser</i> <i>Alcester and Salford Priors District MGD01</i>
MyClothing	MyClothing are offering a 10% discount. The details are as follows: Code: 10MYC2025 Valid until: 31.12.2025
Reminder – Do not park on the zig-zag markings outside school.	



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Panda Club Competition	PANDA COMPETITION!! CAN YOU IMPRESS US?  Write a fact file with pictures and facts about pandas (not red pandas) to get an awesome prize. Feel free to add anything you want. The time you've got to bring it in for it to be entered is the first week after Christmas term. If you've got an entry hand it in to Mrs Newell. Good luck!!	The children in Panda Club have created a competition which is open to all children. The closing date is Friday 9th January 2026. Good luck!
Coming up next week		
Reception		
Year 1	KS1 Nativity – Wednesday 17th December 2025 The performance starts at 5.00 pm. Children should arrive at the hall at 4.30 pm to change into their costumes. We anticipate the event will end at approximately 6.30 pm. You must bring your tickets please!	
Year 2	KS1 Nativity – Wednesday 17th December 2025 The performance starts at 5.00 pm. Children should arrive at the hall at 4.30 pm to change into their costumes. We anticipate the event will end at approximately 6.30 pm. You must bring your tickets please!	
Year 3	KS2 Advent Service The service will take place on Thursday 18th December, please see letter of 2nd December for more information.	
Year 4	Edgmond Hall Residential Trip If you have yet to do so, please pay the second instalment on ParentPay as soon as possible please, thank you. KS2 Advent Service The service will take place on Thursday 18th December, please see letter of 2nd December for more information.	



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Year 5	KS2 Advent Service The service will take place on Thursday 18 th December, please see letter of 2 nd December for more information.
Year 6	PGL, Boreatton Park Residential Trip If you have yet to do so, please pay the second instalment on ParentPay as soon as possible please, thank you. KS2 Advent Service The service will take place on Thursday 18 th December, please see letter of 2 nd December for more information.
Other news	
Useful Links	Our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/AlcesterStNics/?locale=en_GB Our calendar https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/11/ News https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/topic/news-and-events
Vacancies	Arden Forest MAT have a job vacancy for a Community Ambassador. This can be viewed on their website. Link below. https://arden-forest-c-of-e-multi-academy-trust.secure-primariesite.net/vacancies/ We are looking for a KS2 Teaching Assistant. This can be view on our website. https://www.alcesterstnicholas.co.uk/vacancies/



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Diary Dates

We thought it would be helpful to share the diary dates for the whole year. Please note: they are subject to change

Date	Time	info
17.12.2025	4.30 pm for 5.00 pm start	KS1 Christmas Play (Greig Hall)
17.12.2025		Christmas Jumper Day (with school uniform) Christmas Dinner
18.12.2025	Am	KS2 carol service at the Church House Singing Competition Christmas Jumper Day
19.12.2025	All day	Christmas party day – non school uniform Last day of term
Christmas break – 20.12.2025 to 05.01.2026		

Diary dates over the year

Spring

Date	Time	info
05.01.2026	All day	Inset day
06.01.2026	All day	Children return to school
07.01.2026	PM	Year 5 – young voices
12.01.2026	2 – 3 pm	Year 4 MTC parent workshop
20.01.2026	All day	Year 2 trip to Coventry cathedral
03.02.2026	AM	Reception church visit – mock wedding
13.02.2026		Break up for half term
Half term 16.02.2026 to 20.02.2026		
23.02.2026		Children return to school
02.03.2026	All day	Height and weight (Rec pm/year 6 am)
10.03.2026	TBC	Year 5 experience Easter at church
18.03.2026	4-7pm	Parents consultations
19.03.2026	4-7pm	Parents consultations
19.03.2026	Am	Easter service at church (year 5) with year 5 families
25.03.2026	All day	Year 4 Edgmond hall
26.03.2026	All day	Year 4 Edgmond hall
27.03.2026	All day	Year 4 Edgmond hall
27.03.2026		Children break up from school
Easter break – 30.03.2026 -10.04.2026		



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Summer

Date	Time	info
13.04.2026	All day	Return to school
04.05.2026		Bank holiday – May Day
05.05.2026	Am	Year 1 church visit – Creation
06.05.2026	All day	Reception School Trip
11.05.2026	All week	SATs week
22.05.2026		Children break up
Half term break – 25.05.2026 to 29.05.2026		
01.06.2026	All day	Teacher Training day
08.06.2026	All week	Year 4 MTC all week
	All week	Phonics screening year 1 and year 2 retakes
09.06.2026	Am	Year 2 Church visit – world views
24.06.2026	All day	Year 6 PGL
25.06.2026	All day	Year 6 PGL
02.07.2026	Pm	Big Camp – year 2
03.07.2026	All day	Big Camp – year 2
07.07.2026	Am	Year 6 Church visit – worldviews/truth
10.07.2026	All day	Reports out to families Leavers festival (provisional date)
15.07.2026	4pm	Optional parents' consultations (families call office to book)
17.07.2026	Pm	Leavers performance/awards (TBC)
17.07.2026		Last Day of term
Break up for summer		
20.07.2026	All day	INSET day



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WILL YOU BE ALONE THIS
CHRISTMAS DAY?
NEW TO THE AREA AND WANT TO MEET
NEW FRIENDS?
IF SO, JOIN US FOR THE
**ALCESTER COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER**

**ERIC PAYNE COMMUNITY CENTRE
OFF ST. FAITHS ROAD
ALCESTER
B49 6AG**

THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2025

CALL US OR EMAIL FOR YOUR INVITATION
07414 851644 ALCESTERCHRISTMASDINNER@GMAIL.COM

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Can you spare an hour or two on Christmas Day,
or a few hours prior to the big day?

call
07414
851644

email
alcesterchristmasdinner@gmail.com



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JOY

Crib Service

St Nicholas Church, Alcester

*Good News of Great Joy
Come and Celebrate with Us This Christmas*

**Wednesday 24th December
5pm**



 **THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**



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CHRISTMAS MULTI SPORTS CLUB



DQ SPORTS

VENUE: ST NICHOLAS C of E PRIMARY

DATES: **MON 22nd, TUES 23rd DECEMBER**

AGES: Reception Years – 12 Years

TIME: **DROP OFF** 8.45am – 9 am

PICK UP 3pm – 3.15pm

COST: £19 per day

£10 for half a day 9am-12pm or 12pm-3pm

Limited spaces

Payment can be made by cash or bank transfer,
please ask for details.

Contact Dave Geden 07990972762 or
davidgeden@hotmail.co.uk



Children are required to wear suitable clothing for a wide range of sports. Children may bring football boots and shin pads as football will be one of the sports played. Children are required to bring packed lunch and drinks to the course. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY FOOD CONTAINING NUTS.**

Aims are to introduce, adapt and improve skills in a wide range of Sports e.g. Football, Tennis, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Tag rugby, Netball, Archery, Kan Jam and many more. With the emphasis on fun and participation.



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Dynalistic Rockets Swim School



Each Child Matters
 **Small Groups**

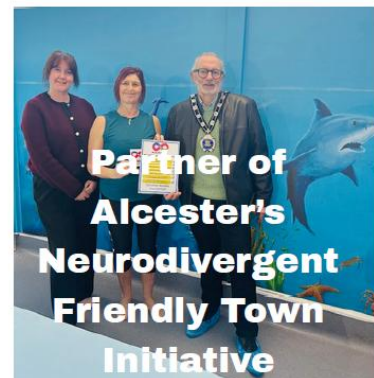


Individual Attention
Neurodivergent Friendly

Ages 4 - 11years



Pool at St Nicholas Primary School



Contact Rebecca 07710 318041
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